

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

***Please replace paragraph [0020] of the substitute specification with the following paragraph:***

[0020] ~~Fig. 7 is a partial view showing a modification of the packaging containers shown in Figs. 1 and 6.~~

***Please replace paragraph [0023] of the substitute specification with the following paragraph:***

[0023] The container body 2 is provided along an outer circumference of its side wall with eight esthetic, longitudinal grooves 7 extending from a brim of an open end 6 thereof to a middle portion of the side wall. As shown in Fig. 4, at an upper end of the side wall of the container body is a portion 11 that extends in a direction toward an axis passing through the open end 6 and the tapered end portion 5 of the container body. In other words, this portion 11 is angled toward the axis.

***Please replace paragraph [0024] of the substitute specification with the following paragraph:***

[0024] A plurality of semispherical small protrusions 8, six semispherical small protrusions in this embodiment, are formed along the outer circumference of the side wall of the container body 2. The small protrusions 8 are arranged in a plane perpendicular to an axis of the container body 2. The protrusions 8 are formed at positions on a side of a tapered end portion 5 of the container body 2 with respect to an axially middle portion of the side wall of the container body 2. The protrusions 8 may be esthetically arranged at intervals in the plane perpendicular to the axis of the container body 2, or may be arranged continuously as a ring 8 ~~as shown in Fig. 7~~. The protrusions 8 can be formed so as to exercise a function to engage a smaller end of the exterior shell 4 and also to give an esthetic effect to the design of the container body 2. The tapered end portion 5 has a rounded distal end 9 such that the container body 2 cannot be supported in an upright position by the rounded distal end when the rounded distal end is placed on a support surface.

***Please replace paragraph [0026] of the substitute specification with the following paragraph:***

[0026] ~~As is~~ Also as shown in Figure 4, a flange 20 is at the open end of the container body 2. The flange 20 includes a first portion 11 that extends away from the open end in a direction toward an axis passing through the open end and the tapered end portion 5 of the container body 2. In other

words, this first portion 11 extends away from the open end and is angled toward the axis. The flange 20 also includes a ~~second~~ first portion 12 that extends away from the ~~first~~ portion 11 in a generally radial direction of the container body 2. The flange 20 further includes a ~~third~~ second portion 16 that extends outwardly away from the ~~second~~ first portion 12. The lid 3 includes a first portion 13 and a second portion 14 extending away from the first portion 13. The lid 3 is put on the container body 2 such that the first portion 13 of the lid 3 is received within the first portion 11 ~~of the flange 20~~, while the second portion 14 of the lid 3 is received on the ~~second~~ first portion 12 of the flange 20 such that an outer peripheral edge of the second portion of the lid is positioned radially inwardly of the second portion 16 of the flange, so as to seal the open end 6 of the container body 2. The lid 3 is provided on its upper surface with a knob 3a. The lid 3 is put on the container body 2 to close the open end 6, and is taken off the container body 2 to open the open end 6, by holding the knob 3a between fingers and either lifting or lowering the lid.